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It is interesting news that Mr. J. W. Bailey, who has been editor of the Biblical Recorder for more than a dozen years, has resigned that position. He will take up the profession of law, and it is freely predicted that he will soon be in the field of politics. And this also is interesting, because Mr. Bailey is as well acquainted with the conditions in North Carolina as any other man, perhaps.

Joshua Harrison who was last week tried in Elizabeth City for kidnapping little Kenneth Beasley, son of Senator Beasley, of Currituck county two years ago, was convicted and sentenced to thirty years in the penitentiary, but his counsel took an appeal and he was allowed to give bail in a bond of three thousand dollars. Senator Beasley has gone to Aakansas to look for his boy, having had some clue that led him to the hope of finding him.

### HALIFAX REPRESENTATIVES.

Sketches of Our Members of The General Assembly.

Last Sunday's News and Observer gave sketches of the members of the General Assembly, and the following are the sketches of Halifax county's members.

#### WALTER E. DANIEL.

SENATOR FROM THE FOURTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Walter E. Daniel, of Weldon, N. C., was born August 14th, 1859, at Weldon, N. C. He was educated at Wake Forest College and graduated with high honors with the class of 1877. He read law and passed the Supreme Court examination in 1880 before he became a lawyer, and his license was held until he reached the required age of twenty-one when he began practicing his profession at his home in Weldon.

His ability as a lawyer and successful practitioner was soon recognized. He was appointed and served four years as solicitor of the inferior court of Halifax county, after which he was elected solicitor of the district, which position he filled with great fidelity and acceptability from January, 1895, to November, 1906, when he resigned to represent the Fourth District in the senate. He was made chairman of the Judiciary Committee and was a member of the following committees: Rules, Appropriations, Federal Relations and Appropriations.

Senator Daniel was easily a leader in the Senate and his services as a member of the Conference Committee to frame a passenger rate reduction bill that would be acceptable to both houses, entitles him to the gratitude of all the people of the State who favored real rate reduction. He was the author of an important bill to construe penal statutes against railroads and to require them to furnish cars. His position for effective anti-trust legislation, and indeed for all the great measures proposed by himself and others, showed that he was a Platform Democrat of the best type. Mr. Daniel was easily one of the ablest men in the Senate and was the recognized leader in the great fight for passenger rate reduction, which commanded more public interest than any measure during the session. In his victory in that fight, Mr. Daniel showed leadership of a high order and in all great measures before the Senate Mr. Daniel made a record for ability and devotion to the interests of the people that will be approved not only by his constituents, but by the State at large, for his leadership in the Senate made him a leading figure in the affairs of the State.

#### JOHN B. NEAL.

MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM HALIFAX COUNTY.

Major John B. Neal, of Scotland Neck, was born Mufreesboro, Hertford county, February 4, 1839, and was educated in the common and high schools of Florida, Virginia and North Carolina. He was married to Miss Nannie E. Smith, of Scotland Neck, on the 14th of December, 1865, and on February 22, 1883, to Miss Sallie E. McDowell, of Mufreesboro. He is a member of the Episcopal church. At the outbreak of the Civil War Major Neal was a resident of the State of Louisiana, and enlisted in Drew's Battalion, and came with it to Virginia, remaining there till November, 1861, when he was appointed Second Lieutenant in Company I, First North Carolina Cavalry. He was promoted to captain in 1862 because of his distinguished bravery and magnificent leading qualities, and he became major on the staff of General L. S. Baker in 1863. After Gordon's death, (the latter having succeeded Baker, who had been wounded), Major Neal served on the staff of General Rufus Barringer, of Charlotte, till the surrender. He was never wounded. On Aug. 1st 1863, he was put on the roll of honor for gallantry exhibited in the cavalry fight at Brandy Station. Major Neal is now engaged in the life insurance business, being district manager of the Security Life and Guaranty Company. He was elected to the House of Representatives by a majority of 1,790 votes. He took deep interest in the bills increasing the pensions of Confederate veterans and promoting the cause of education. He was chairman of the Committee on Library, and served on the following other committees: Insurance, Appropriations, Pensions, Agriculture, Education, Federal Relations, Fish and Fisheries, and Insane Asylums.

#### A. P. KITCHIN.

MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM HALIFAX COUNTY.

Mr. A. P. Kitchin was born in Scotland Neck, January 24, 1874, and is a son of the late Hon. W. H. Kitchin, whose patriotic service to his State will never be forgotten.

He received his education at Vine Hill Academy and at Wake Forest College. He read law and was admitted to the bar February, 1897. He is a young man of strong personality and bright intellect and has met with abundant success in the practice of his chosen profession. He is a bold and fearless exponent of democracy and as chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Person county in the campaigns of 1898 and 1900 swung her into the Democratic column when it was regarded as a Republican stronghold. He was elected to the House of 1907 by a majority of nearly two thousand. On January 2nd of this year he was married to Miss Carrie Lawrence, of Scotland Neck, and his beautiful bride accompanied him to Raleigh and was here during the session. Mr. Kitchin was chairman of the Committee on Corporations and a member of a number of other important ones which he served with fidelity and ability. He was author of the divorce bill which passed, making ten years' separation ground for divorce. He won a notable victory on the floor of the House in the matter of submitting to a vote of the people of Scotland Neck the question of prohibition or dispensary.

#### MR. DENNIS SIMMONS BIGGS DEAD.

A Sudden and Sad Death in Williamsburg.

On Thursday morning, March 21st, Mr. Dennis Simmons Biggs died suddenly at his home in Williamsburg. On the day before he drove to Washington and returned at a late hour, about two or three o'clock in the morning. He was unwell and called a physician, who came and after spending some time with him went away leaving a colored boy to watch by Mr. Biggs' bedside.

In the early morning the boy left Mr. Biggs asleep and a little later when another servant went to the room he became alarmed at Mr. Biggs' condition. A physician was called but he arrived too late to be of service.

Mr. Biggs' wife was away in Norfolk at the time of his death and also his brother, Dr. John D. Biggs was with the funeral party accompanying the remains of Mrs. Albion Dunn to Mount Airy. As he stepped off the train at Mount Airy a telegram was handed him announcing the death of his brother, and he took the next train back for home. Mr. Dennis Simmons Biggs was about 55 years old, was the oldest son of the late J. D. Biggs, of Williamsburg, and nephew of Mr. N. Biggs, of Scotland Neck. He left a wife, mother, two brothers and two sisters.

He was one of the wealthiest men in this part of the State, being identified with large lumber interests in various places, and largely interested in every enterprise of his town and community. He was liberal in all that looked to the development of his town and perhaps no death has occurred there which so broadly and so generally affected his community. He was the leading spirit in all the enterprises of his town and was president of many of them.

Williamsburg as a community feels keenly the heavy loss in his death, and hundreds and hundreds of individuals feel it also, for he was noted for his kindness and helpfulness to the poor and all who appealed to him or needed his help.

#### Easter Services at Roseneath.

(Cor. to The Commonwealth.)

Rev. C. L. Whitaker will preach an Easter sermon at Roseneath next Sunday at 3:30 o'clock p. m.

Easter service will be held at 8 o'clock at night. The public are invited to attend. The offering received will be for Home Missions.

Mrs. J. B. Glasgow returned to her home at Cedar Rock last Saturday, after spending some time visiting Mrs. J. L. Ivey. Miss Fannie Bobbitt, is visiting friends in this vicinity.

## You Look Yellow

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